



West Virginia Senate

Committee on the Judiciary

Minutes for FEBRUARY 17, 2021, 3:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on the Judiciary met on February 17, 2021, 3:00 PM in Room 208-W.

Members present: Senators Trump, Weld, Grady, Karnes, Maynard, Phillips, Rucker, Smith, Stover, Takubo, Woodrum, Beach, Caputo, Lindsay, Romano, Woelfel

Members absent: Senators Azinger

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion of Senator Weld, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

S. B. 79 - Providing fair mechanism for adjudication of requests for relocation of parent with child.

Laura Goins, Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed committee substitute, and responded to questions.

Chairman Trump vacated the chair and Senator Weld presided.

With leave of the committee, Mark Kelley, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Weld, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

Senator Romano moved to amend the committee substitute on page 4, subsection (c), to provide that in the case that the relocating parent petitions the court 75 days or longer prior to the planned relocation, a petitioner may request a hearing to be held no sooner than 30 days and no later than 45 days after service of the summons.

Prior to action being taken, Senator Romano withdrew his motion.

Senator Romano moved to amend the committee substitute on page 6, subsection (d), subdivision (5) move the phrase “effective if and when the relocation occurs” from line 133 to line 132 after the word “child”.

Prior to action being taken, Senator Romano withdrew his motion.

On motion of Senator Trump, the committee agreed to lay over **S.B 79**.

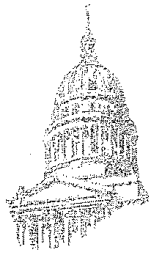
On Motion of Senator Trump the committee adjourned.



Ryan W. Weld
Chair



Beverly Douglas
Clerk/Analyst



The Senate of West Virginia

Remote/Virtual Testimony

Testimony taken this 17th day of February, 2021, in
the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

"I solemnly swear (or affirm) that the testimony I shall give shall be
the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me
God."

Mark Kelley

Print Witness Name

Beverly Douglas

Testimony Attested to by Committee
Clerk

Oath was administered by:

Ryan W. Weld

Print Member Name

J. Z. N.

Sign Member Name